(c) by when it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) A policy on hydro power development was announced by the Government in August, 1998 which incorporates several steps and measures for expeditious development of hydro power. It lays emphasis on basin wise development, evolving consensus on inter State issues, mitigation of geological risks, simplified procedure for transfer of clearances, promoting joint venture arrangements etc. It also lays emphasis on increasing private investment in the power sector through Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and joint ventures. The Electricity Act, 2003 has also created conducive environment for investments in all segments of the industry both for public sector and private sector by removing barriers to entry. Subsequently, National Electricity Policy has also been announced by the Government in February, 2005. As per this Policy maximum emphasis would be laid on the full development of the feasible hydro potential in the country.

Keeping in view the unique problems associated with hydro projects, a suggestion is under examination that the exemption from tariff based bidding available to the public sector under Clause 5.1 of Tariff Policy till January, 2011 may also be extended to the private sector.

Target for rural electrification

2243. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target to provide electricity to every village in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far, and those proposed to be taken for achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India in April, 2005 introduced "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana" a scheme of Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification with the aim of electrifying all the balance un-electrified villages (except remote villages to be covered by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy) by the year 2009.

The Action Plan for RGGVY is :

2005-06	10,000 villages
2006-07	40,000 villages
2007-08	40,000 villages
2008-09	10,000 villages and remaining villages, if any.

(c) The implementing agencies have reported electrification of 43,100 un-electrified villages as on 24.08.2007 under RGGVY. State-wise details on achievements in rural electrification are given in the Statement (*See* below). However, the continuation of the scheme in Eleventh Plan for Phase-II is dependent on approval of CCEA.

Statement

State-wise and Year-wise no. of villages in which electrification works have been reportedly carried out by implementing States/agencies under RGGVY

Sl. No.	State	During 2005-06			During 2006-07			During 2007-08 (as on 24.08.2007)			Comulative (up to 24.08.2007)		
		Electri-fied (Nos.)	Un-electrified (Nos.)	Total	Electri. -fied (Nos.)	Un-electrified (Nos.)	Total	Electri-fied (Nos.)	Un-electrified (Nos.)	Total	Electri-tied (Nos.)	Un-electrified (Nos.)	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	4724	0	4724	4,724	0	4,724
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
4	Bihar	0	1600	1600	0	8415	8415	0	1,386	1386	0	11401	11,401
5	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	31	0	31	31
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
7	Gujarat	0	0	0	625	0	625	0	0	0	625	0	625
8	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	15	0	15
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
10	J&K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	Karnataka	350	47	397	8000	0	8000	3164	0	3164	11514	47	11,561
12	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	15	65	50	15	65
14	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	29	29
15	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
16	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
20	Orissa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
21	Punjab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–
22	Rajasthan	0	230	230	570	765	1335	0	332	332	570	1327	1897
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	0	7503	7503	0	16620	16620	0	1,961	1961	0	26084	26,084
27	Uttaranchal	0	87	87	2332	798	3130	0	83	83	2332	968	3300
28	West Bengal	0	352	352	0	2108	2108	0	738	738	0	3198	3,198
29	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	G. TOTAL:	350	9819	10169	11527	28706.	40233	7953	4,575	12528	19,830	43,100	62930